



CDVSA Announces Participation in Respect Week 2021

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month in Alaska

February 8, 2021 (Anchorage, AK) – The Alaska Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault will be participating in Respect Week during the week of February 8 – February 12, 2021. Respect Week is a national campaign to encourage young adults and their partners to become more aware about the issue of teen dating violence. Governor Dunleavy has proclaimed February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month in Alaska.

Be on the lookout for unique Alaska information and content this week about teen dating violence awareness in Alaska on [the CDVSA social media accounts](#). Specifically, CDVSA asks Alaskans to wear orange on Tuesday February 9th as part of the national movement to recognize and educate Alaskans about teen dating violence.

“Teen dating violence is more common in Alaska than people may think. There has been an increase of teen dating sexual and physical violence in recent years in Alaska, and we are hoping to remind all Alaskan teenagers that they have worth and that violence from a partner is never okay,” **said L. Diane Casto, Executive Director of the Alaska Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault**. “Reducing the generational cycle of intimate partner violence in Alaska starts with our youth and teenagers, CDVSA remains focused on educating the next generation about what a healthy, safe relationship looks like through campaigns such as Respect Week.”

More information about Respect Week can be found from the national Love is Respect campaign online at: <https://www.loveisrespect.org/get-involved/tdvam/>

Governor Dunleavy’s proclamation on Teen Dating Violence Month can be found online at: <https://gov.alaska.gov/newsroom/2021/02/01/teen-dating-violence-awareness-and-prevention-month-3/>

If you or a loved one is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or child abuse, the following resources are available to you at no cost:

- For immediate response **call 911**
- **Alaska 2-1-1** for assistance, referrals, resources
- Alaska’s CARELINE at 877-266-4357
- National Domestic Violence Hotline
 - Call 800-799-7233
 - Text LOVEIS to 22522
 - Online chat at www.thehotline.org
- National Sexual Assault Hotline at 800-656-HOPE (4673)
- To report child abuse at 800-478-4444 or online at ReportChildAbuse@alaska.gov
- For a listing of local victim services 24/7 hotlines go to: <https://dps.alaska.gov/CDVSA/Services/VictimServices>

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